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**Privy Vaults and Cesspools—Construction and Use of. (Reg. No. 29, Bd. of H., June 5, 1912.)**

(a) No privy vault shall be constructed without a permit from the health office, and all applications for permission to dig a privy vault must be accompanied by a certificate from the department of sewers stating that there is not any sewer available for said premises.

(b) All existing toilets fixtures (except vaults) must be flushed out at least once every day, and any neglect or failure on this point will render the offender liable to be prosecuted for causing a nuisance.

(c) No roof or surface water nor kitchen slops shall be allowed to flow into any privy vault, nor shall any garbage, meats, offal, ashes, or rubbish of any kind be deposited in any privy vault or flush toilet fixture.

(d) Privy vaults that are to abandoned must be cleaned out to the satisfaction of the health department and afterwards filled up with earth or ashes.

(e) All cases involving the location, construction, and repair of water-closets, privies, cesspools, sinks, plumbing, or drains shall be referred at once to the department of buildings. Whenever action is needed at once, the health department inspector, whenever possible, also shall notify the owner or agent verbally of the conditions.

**Privy Vaults and Cesspools—Permits and Rules for Cleaning. (Reg. No. 30, Bd. of H., June 5, 1912.)**

1. In no case shall the contents of any privy be removed unless the same is properly disinfected before the work is commenced and also during the progress of the cleaning and after the completion of the cleaning. This business must be carried on with the most strict regard to cleanliness.

2. All carts, tanks, and vessels used for the purpose must be watertight, and the same must be thoroughly washed immediately after being emptied. Such cleaning shall always take place in the immediate vicinity of the place of disposal.

3. No person shall engage in vault cleaning without a permit from the department of health, and any person holding such permit will forfeit the same by failing to comply fully with these terms, regulations, and such other rules as the department of health may hereafter adopt. Such permit shall fully specify the name of the owner or agent of the property on which the vault is situated, and shall designate its location, as well as the day or night that the work is to be done, and within the hours to be hereafter mentioned.

4. Permits shall be issued for the cleaning of vaults, cesspools, or catch basins by the health office, provided said work be done from 9 p. m. until 6 a. m. nightly, excepting Saturday nights, when the time shall be from 9 p. m. until 12 p. m., and Sunday nights from 12 p. m. to 6 a. m.

5. Sunday permits shall not be issued; but it is provided that in cases of great emergency the health officer or chief sanitary inspector may, if necessary for the public good, issue special permits at any time for the cleaning of vaults, but with this exception this regulation must be strictly adhered to.

6. Night carts must not be taken from their respective stables or places of storage until 8 p. m., and must be returned to the same place not later than 7 a. m.

7. All persons licensed by the city to clean vaults shall provide a suitable barn, stable, or inclosure for the proper storage of their tanks, carts, wagons, and tools, and in no case will a tank or cart be permitted to stand upon the streets, alleys, wharves, or vacant lots except when actually employed and in use in the business of vault cleaning unless provided with a special permit from the health office.

8. The chief sanitary inspector shall, as often as may be necessary, cause every wagon and cart that is used in the business of vault cleaning to be carefully inspected, and if any wagon or cart be found in a leaking condition, or from any cause unfit for

use, he shall notify the owner of the same that it must go out of service until placed in good condition.

9. Owners of wagons and carts used for the purpose of privy-vault cleaning shall be required to place in a conspicuous place upon each cart or wagon its number, the figures to be at least 2 inches in height, in white paint upon a black ground.

10. Whenever the use of any privy vault is discontinued, such vault must be cleaned to the bottom, provided it is 10 or less feet in depth, otherwise at least to 10 feet, and filled up with earth or other suitable material, such filling to be done only after inspection by a sanitary officer.

11. When an order to clean a privy vault shall be issued by the department of health, the contents thereof shall be cleaned to the bottom, or to the depth of not less than 7 feet from the surface of the ground in which such vault may be located.

12. Vaults may be ordered cleaned whenever the contents shall be within 4 feet of the ground surface, or whenever from foulness or other cause it may be deemed necessary to clean them. Disinfectants must be used in all foul-smelling vaults where cleaning is not necessary.

13. The contents of privy vaults must be removed in closed carts or vessels, and no part of the contents of such vault must be spilt or deposited in any yard, lot, stream, street, alley, or other public place, common, or thoroughfare, under penalty of the offender being fined not more than \$20.

14. No person shall drain into any public sewer or street gutter the contents of any cesspool or privy vault unless express permission is granted by the board of health, under penalty of being fined not more than \$50.

**Privy Vaults—Daily Reports to be Made by Cleaners. (Reg. 31, Bd. of H., June 5, 1912.)**

Every vault cleaner shall make a daily report to the department of health of the vaults cleaned and emptied by him during the preceding night. Such report shall specify the names of the persons on whose premises such vaults are located, and the location, by street and number, of such premises; also the number of loads of night soil, and the number of perpendicular feet of the same removed from each vault. Violation of this regulation, in addition to the penalties prescribed by law, will be punished by refusal to issue any further permits or extensions to the offender.

**Wells and Cisterns—To be Abandoned when Polluted. (Reg. No. 57, Bd. of H., July 24, 1912.)**

Whenever upon examination made by this department it appears that the water in any well or cistern located in or on any lot, property, building, or structure within the city of Cincinnati is polluted or likely to become so, that thereupon, after written notice given, the owner, agent, assignee, occupant, or tenant of any such lot, property, building, or structure shall abandon and fill up such well or cistern, in accordance with and under the direction of this board; and upon failure to comply with such order the health officer shall remove and fill up the said cistern or well, and the cost of the work be assessed upon such owner, agent, assignee, occupant or tenant in the manner authorized by law, or prosecute as provided by law.

**Sewers—Sewage Connections to be Disconnected if Discharge is Above Waterworks Intake. (Reg. No. 20, Bd. of H., May 15, 1912.)**

The owner or occupants of all premises that are connected with the public sewers of the city above the intake of the waterworks, which may be used for purposes other than for draining surface water, are hereby directed to disconnect the same.